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SUBJ: TURKISH INFORMATION UNIT IN POPPY GROWING AREAS

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1. WE CONCUR WITH VIEW THAT ESTABLISHMENT BY THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE UNIFIED INFORMATION STRUCTURE IS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF A SUCCESSFUL POPPY STRAW CONTROL SYSTEM. FURTHER, IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME REMAINING PRIOR TO HARVEST PERIOD FOR SETTING UP THE REQUIRED SURVEILLANCE AND INFORMANT NETWORKS, WE BELIEVE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GET THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF GOT TO FOCUS ON THE NEED FOR SOME INITIATIVES TO INSURE APPROPRIATE COORDINATION OF GOT CONTROL EFFORTS. IN VIEW OF EXTREME TURK SENSITICITY TO US INVOLVEMENT IN THIS WHOLE AREA AND IN VIEW OF FACT THAT UN HAS BEEN SPECIFICALLY INVITED TO MAKE RECOMMENDATION(ALTHOUGH TURKS AT WORKING LEVEL SHOWING CONSIDERABLE SENSITIVITY WITH UN TOO), WE BELIEVE APPROACH TO TURKS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN FIRST **INSTANCE** BY UN. WE HAVE URGED GREENFIELD MISSION TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE WITH TURKS AND RECOMMEND THAT THEY ESTABLISH CENTRAL CONTROL OVER SURVEILLANCE OPERATIONS. WE HAVE SECRET

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ASKED THE GREENFIELD TEAM TO INCLUDE THIS RECOMMENDATION IN THEIR REPORT. I AM OF COURSE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE UN EFFORTS WITH APPROACHES TO SENIOR TURKISH OFFICIALS HERE.

2. IN MY TALKS WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS, I WILL STRESS THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL COORDINATOR FOR NARCOTICS AFFAIRS, RESPONSIBLE DIRECTLY TO THE PRIME MINISTER, WITH OVERALL AUTHORITY FOR COORDIANTION OF THE GOT'S OPIUM CONTROL EFFORTS:

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EFFECTIVE INTELLIGENCE NETWORK FOR MONITORING POPPY STRAW CONTROL SYSTEM AT VILLAGE LEVEL, WHICH WOULD FEATURE A JOINT INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CENTER, PROBABLY AT AFYON OR IZMIR, STAFFED JOINTLY BY TNP AND JANDARMA PERSONNEL, AND WITH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF TMO AND DEA;

C. IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF POPPY FIELDS DURING INCISING PERIOD, PERHAPS BY TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT OF AIRCRAFT FROM OTHER GOT SERVICES TO JANDARMA NARCOTICS UNIT.

- 3. ALSO, I WILL INDICATE THAT IF THE GOT IS PREPARED TO ESTABLISH A UNIFIED INFORMATION STRUCTURE, THEN THE U.S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE INTELLIGENCE SYSTEM IN THE GROWING PROVINCES WITH COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FORMS OF SUPPORT.
- 4. AFTER CAREFUL REVIEW OF PROPOSAL FOR JOINT INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION CENTER, WE CONTINUE TO FEEL THAT DEA PARTICIPATION IN UNIFIED INFORMATION STRUCTURE IS ESSENTIAL FROM STANDPOINT OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOT AND AS MEANS FOR OUR EVALUATING EFFECTIVENESS OF TURKISH CONTROL SYSTEM. HOWEVER, WE SHARE VIEW EXPRESSED IN PARA 3 OF REFTEL THAT DEA PERSONNEL FROM THE ANKARA REGIONAL OFFICE WOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM THESE TASKS SATISFACTORILY BY VISITS INTO THE AREA AS NECESSARY, WITHOUT HAVING DEA PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN THE JOINT HEADQUARTERS IN AFYON OR OTHER SUITABLE SECRET

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LOCATION THAT GOT MAY CHOOSE.

5. ALSO, WITH REFERENCE TO NARCOTICS IDENTIFICATION LABORATORY (PARA 6 REFTEL), WE HAVE INFORMED MANBY OF OUR POSITION THAT THIS PROJECT MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE CANDIDATE FOR UN FUNDING.

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